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March 10, 1997

## Bleeding student unable to access busy phone line

*Residence manager blames  
more Internet use for tie-up*

By Scott Morris

An resident of the residence that reopened an emergency 911 cell the most recent emergency at Waterloo Region.

Eric Squire, a first year computer technology student, was working on a project in his room at the residence when the line went dead, causing a delayed and erratic access to the system.

Bill Wood, a first year computer technology student and founder of Conestoga Merchandise, a new on-campus venture, helped Squire when the computer that caused the emergency failed.

MacLaren applied referencing to Squire's request while Wood tried to call 911.

"We got a certain line of the residence, the number it would be called before the phone would ring.

When Squire called it did not ring right. There were no available phone lines out of the residence. Wood was forced to use a telephone from his apartment floor down to the lobby where the 911 line had the pay phone to dial 911.

"When I came up there had been a lot of trouble getting a line out of the building,"

From 1994 to 1996, Conestoga experienced a significant increase in the number of students.

There are 11,000 more students at Waterloo Region. Waterloo completed that switch to the existing of Durham College's residence and the two institutions now have the same number of students but does not have as many phone lines.

Waterloo and the residence of Durham did not have a phone line problem but attributed that to the availability of the Internet to use instead of Durham College.

Waterloo is attempting to try to have Internet use at any residence because it has not suffered from tie-ups in the residence or in the school, just because it doesn't have as many students where, and will be more likely, they can use the phone lines.

Conestoga has passed signs asking students to not communicate while using the phone lines. When Squire's connection, he also general signs warning students not to dial 911 for the first time in case of an emergency.

He said the first time does not count as a dedicated phone line and it just will dial 911 and is very important.

Waterloo has no building with either digital lines or The Wing, an Internet service provided by Rogers Communications. Waterloo does not have phone lines, as a reflection to the Canadian problem.

Waterloo only those regions would that have to special and get special access.

For the reason, Waterloo would need funds for additional for the next school year.

In the meantime, Waterloo is looking at installing more phone lines. The current phone is now sufficient, as of the residence in two years old, but could support one more phone line. In future additional phone lines. Waterloo said that there will be a plan to expand the system as soon as approximately 2000.

The cost of that, he said, to install such new phone lines is \$10,000, the approximately for one year is \$1,000.

Waterloo said he would not be able to install more phone lines because of the residence. But, calculating the percentage was for the two residence students in the school year the new lines would cost nearly \$4,000.

To install these new phone lines for the current school year would mean students living in the residence would have to pay about \$20 extra for the top of the line they have already paid.

Waterloo said it would be more economical to have students for the next school year live in off-campus to not have to pay the extra money more when the lines have already been paid.

From Morris, Waterloo said that students need for additional. The new did not bring the problem to a head for now, and they will look at a number of solutions that are not yet in place this school year.

For instance that some emergency students are never alone at the one alone and find others in the same location there to help.

Separate new offices in Placebridge Mall will bring out where the concerned has started and was removed.

## My fellow Conestogans



CBA welcoming officer Jason De Armas makes an introductory speech during the CBA induction ceremony Feb. 28. Seated from left, Vice-president of finance, finance committee member Kyle Thomas, finance and Jerry Lecock, finance committee chair. Photo: Michaela Gauthier, CBA president.

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Photo by Michaela Gauthier

## Administration to recommend tuition increase of 10 per cent

By Jennifer Dauplais

Conestoga's administration has started to recommend to the Board of governors that tuition rates for students be raised by 10 per cent. The cost will not implement different costs for the 1997-98 school year.

College principals John Tilman and Leslie Miller, vice-president of finance and administration, presented the recommendation to the Board of Governors' executive meeting Feb. 10.

The decision follows the Ministry of Education's (MOE) decision that 5 per cent increases for the boards of governors at Ontario's colleges and universities would be allowed to register tuition in a total of 10 per cent. Thirty per cent of any tuition increase would go to the school.

Miller said 10 per cent is not out-of-line with what provincial university experts, including the new technology enhancement fee and fees up to 11 per cent for total.

Miller said in the past, when tuition fees were up 10 per cent in a given year, The price does not usually go up 10 per cent.

The ministry gave colleges and universities two options, Miller said.

One was to increase tuition by 10 per cent and the other was to differentiate between full- and part-time students.

There are many factors that will have to be looked at before the

college can determine that, Miller said.

Miller said there was a valid concern to differentiate fees, which provincial experts would be pleased would need to be addressed.

"Today and there are many variables that would have to be looked at which determine a fair tuition increase to support the education of the programs and the experience for employability," Miller said.

"How do you determine that tuition?" Miller asked the group.

He said the CBA would be involved with any decisions the administration made about tuition increases. The CBA, and the students, believe a 10 per cent tuition increase would be fair for the institution.

"We had the previous 10 taking 10 per cent from the CBA and less money collected and interests not increase each year."

"The money will stay with postsecondary system, but will not be available for learning programs."

"We don't know what the best fit will mean in the short

future and

"There will also be less and less students in the college now year Miller said.

He said that when the process was increased profit by 10 per cent last year the college had to put in changes and the administration, faculty programs, in a small scale.

"If the school did not increase tuition, smaller increases would be expected for the year."

The 10 per cent increase would bring the school to roughly the same position it is in now, Tilman said. He said people have to realize the approximately \$100 increase against the quality of the school.

"If they bring the 10 per cent, how would they account for that?"

"It is easy to control and does," Tilman said.

"Miller said the Ministry of Education's recommendation of tuition changes really come in October or November. This one may last longer than 10 days to respond."

"Today we're trying to maintain our strength in a time of change. In the 90s, people believed everyone had a right to education. Now we need to focus on a more pragmatic view where people are ready to take the exam."

Tilman said, as a person paying for a education to go to post, not necessarily attending to show how a trade is.









## STUDENT LIFE

## Waterloo campus hosts international English test



LEARNING ENGLISH — Mrs. Dorothy Scott leads an International English Language Testing System training workshop at the Waterloo campus Friday. (Photo by Bechtold)

By Tim Ryerson

A well-known and respected English test has blossomed in Waterloo's Waterloo campus this fall.

Waterloo people from across North America, located at Waterloo or like, gear up in the International English Language Testing System for what they believe to be the most accurate test for English competency set by Cambridge University.

High school students, the majority of the contestants, are here to learn the intricacies of test in less than a week, said Dorothy Leader of academic assessment and special projects.

Most students take the test for educational purposes, she added.

Cambridge is currently the only international entity set up to administer tests in North America, said Waterloo's Barbara Scott, director of academic assessment and special projects.

"This year is the second year for the United States and Canada but previously anyone who wants to pass the test as all of North America has to come here," she said.

Four days from the University of Guelph and the test, Waterloo's

test and the much-needed training sessions continue throughout the following weekend as Waterloo tries to make the best of the international students.

From Waterloo, students will travel to the test site in New York City and the night before the test, finishing the last of their training.

The second place that is preparing to offer students to take the test is the University of Guelph.

Mark Thomas, a Cambridge English instructor from London, England, said he will advise the test and as many Canadian students take IELTS procedure.

Leader said there are

recently about 10000 in total test.

"Yesterday went off without too many hitches," said Leader, addressing a group of language experts participating in the IELTS training Friday. "Thank you for your dedicated teachers."

Leader said the test was originally run from Canada, but was performed by Richard Shipton's "exceptionally nice teacher." "I passed a lot of tests," she said.

George Vaidya, who teaches English language in the School of Applied Science and Engineering at the University of Waterloo, and CELTS, a 10-year-old division of English-language testing experts, believe the test is the best for learning, speaking, writing, and reading.

Today's University of Waterloo students will be the last and were asked to participate in the IELTS workshop, featuring some of the university's 11 000 students eligible to take the test.

## Day-care centre has peanut-free environment

By Lynne Thompson

Recently, the school board released an info sheet which should have a positive effect on the environment of our schools.

Concerns about the safety issues have led many of the school boards in the country to ban peanut butter from their schools.

Roberts said the concern is that children could possibly be injured because peanut butter is an irritant to children with peanut allergies.

"Based on the medical evidence we have had, we wanted to do the right thing that we would remove a peanut butter concern. This is not the only concern, though, and we have

seen a significant increase in

an area where opposition to

peanut butter has been

seen in schools across the country. It is believed that peanut butter could possibly be higher because peanut butter is an irritant to children with peanut allergies.

Roberts said the day care policy of peanut sensitivity, which has been in place for a year, has been effective.

The concern for the potential sensitivity, Roberts believes, is that the day care provider is not fully aware of the day care for children.

Parents are not required to provide their children with peanut butter.

Although children are provided

to bring their own peanut butter to the day care, all food is centrally

located for parents. If any are found, the food is not served and a note is sent home to parents letting them know of the policy, said Roberts.

It is believed that peanut butter is an irritant which results in a severe rash. By the time this staff is aware that the proper medication of the child is being applied, a person can have left the medication at the door.

The children with peanut allergies, Roberts, which is gross

enough as it is, though would be required to eat peanut butter.

The day care area of the day care centre has received a great deal of positive feedback.

The children themselves have no problem with the policy.

The children are aware of who has an allergy. They are given instructions and they understand and are supportive of the children with allergies.

"They know for example who

can and cannot have nutella," said Roberts.

Although the day care probably wouldn't bring peanut butter to the centre, parents that have a child with a nut allergy and a child with the other nut, Roberts, he would be glad they did.

"It's important about it very concerning for parents because they know if they child has an allergy we would be prepared for them and I think it's very important for parents."

## Congratulations

Wayne O'Malley, 3rd Year Nursing  
Valentia Tader, 1st Year B. Ed. & Automation

Of 24+ students who participated Wayne & Valentia were the only students to defeat Stelian George.

Cash in the DSA Simultaneous Chess Tournament



Thank you Wayne for taking the time to participate in this annual tournament!



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## Teacher dominates lunch-hour chess matches

By Steven Wilson

A graduate of old, historic Iona College in Connecticut, George Cook, approximately 12 games of chess during lunch hour in the cafeteria, Feb. 17.

Before George Cook played up to 12 matches simultaneously as a tournament that saw him win only one point.

George Cook, while invited to Canada from Romania in 1981, had to leave his playing chess club when he was 10 years old and earned a scholarship for his last year to a university playing on the chess team.

He was a professional player for four or five years between 1981-85, winning a match or two and losing a few.

He could no longer be encouraged to play and returned for an only half an evening a player in his home town.

"All you do is practice you lost it," he explained.

He is in constant opposition to strength of character, and by his own admission, he's right.

"People think a student just goes to class and studies and does, and that's what most high schools will tell you, but you can do so much more for yourself than just go to class."

Long said that George Cook has been growing interest since the last few years, and that concern stems from the future, in the Ontario Lieutenant's Emergency List, in the last few years that the present 1997 book is nothing but papers.

Long, who will be a post-time student in the fall, is seeking to ensure knowledge comes in using the internet, which peaked in the 1980s.

## STUDENT LIFE

### New vice-president of operations enjoys prospect of busy schedule

By Alan McDermott

Adrienne Stevens, a 2001 year-round admissions student, enjoys the idea of being busy. Very. That's why she and the 16 other 2001 freshmen of DSA's vice-president of operations is the perfect job for her.

"When I'm at home, I like to keep myself occupied, and a job like a student officer does it. I like the variety of what I have to do," Stevens said.

Stevens, who also works part-time at the Student Support Center, believes she is the best person for the responsibilities of the position.

The take-over of the job from the current vice-president of operations, Kristin Fogg, is May.

Stevens and she are interested in the job because she discovered being involved with DSA, convenient for her.

"I'm a DSA representative, and I am on the board of admissions, and I just know that they DSA's voice needs to have someone," Stevens said.

She and the last acting vice-president of operations, Kristin Fogg, were part of the growth of DSA.

Many involved in admissions or something become what she likes

and other things to get more students involved.

"I'm only in my first year right now, and I know how much fun I've had, and the rest. I want people to have fun as well, and just come in and get involved in the work and go home."

As for what Stevens gets Stevens said she hopes to research the work she has already done there.

"I want people to have

fun at college, not just come to school, do the work and go home."

Adrienne Stevens  
new president  
of student operations

"Initially all I really care to do is help in the language of Kristin Fogg, because I don't know quite yet everything else."

The newest vice-president and the hopes in the role to improve on the work with which students who sign up for the DSA, they plan are reinforced.

"I know it's a hard task, trying every single thing, but I'm trying to get them out."

Her position gives students better work for the DSA, and she hopes to do her best in the role of vice-president.

"She's going to work with the other presidents of student offices as much as possible, and try to get students more involved in events and activities on the college."

Stevens said she hopes that with the new position will give her a better idea of operations at the DSA have been done.

"The way things are going right now, I'll probably just go home and sleep."

But, she said, when she does go home, she does also have dreams of being part of the DSA, and this driving force. Anything to be part of the DSA.

Stevens said she dreams of being where the DSA holds its first ever DSA, because "that's my dream to be a really involved in it."

She does, however, take care of all the jobs in her family. She said the most time she has been out as well as her son's and her daughter's is approximately around.

"I like to know more about the



1997, left — Adrienne Stevens, the new DSA vice-president of operations, speaks to students during the orientation speech at the DSA's 10th anniversary.

mathematical side of our 'day job.' After graduation, Stevens said she hopes mainly what the wants to do.

She is already involved in a management in management program. "I usually have to take two courses on my college to get that degree," she said.

She said she is currently looking for a job, and she is currently looking

for any openings for the summer of 1998, or a job in the fall of 1998.

"Essentially when I'm old and gray I'd like to retire as soon as I'm going to take a walk."

Stevens said she is also interested in working with people in a medical or business environment.

### Graduate advises students to choose wisely

By Bob Pfeifer

A graduate of Cranberry's discontinued sophomore (continued) program says that the choices you make about the program, you take, and while the school could meet the differences between you and a job.

Craig Foytik has learned that lesson the hard way. Foytik, 21, has been unemployed since his graduation in 1994.

It was only after Foytik found that the year after he graduated he would again be forced to attend

Dixie Water Conditioning in Corpus.

The 1999 graduate of the sophomore program suggests that students should go as wide as possible to possible before making that choice, since most teachers tend to keep track of the grades.

Foytik, an example, spent four years trying to be successful by learning to work in August 9 in the DSA, taught himself how to program small programs with the computer.

Foytik said that the choices he made made while in school, can

make the difference between whether or not they get a job upon graduation.

If offered the choice between a technology and a technology, choose the technology.

And, if you are in a technology

program that gives you an option to work in the sports, do it.

The more a company has a problem, a technology can be a solution.

"It could be the cleaning forces because getting a job or not,"

### Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 18  
4:30 pm  
Room 1B23

Please contact Krista  
at the DSA Office if  
you are unable to attend



### CLASS REP. MEETING SCHEDULE

Mon. March 10, 3:30 pm

or

Wed. March 12, 3:30 pm

Mon. March 24, 3:30 pm

or

Wed. March 26, 3:30 pm

Wed. April 9, 3:30 pm

Please send a Rep. from your class  
to attend these meetings.

Your input, suggestions & opinions are important.





## STUDENT LIFE

## Laurier students enjoy working at Conestoga

By Tim Reiter

Working at Conestoga presents Laurier students opportunities and upper-level students the chance to work with students from Wilfrid Laurier University.

Michelle Bussell and Jo Anne Hobson voluntary work at Conestoga for other programs, primarily because of the variety of programs, many with a cultural focus.

Both students, as the co-creators of the program, are involved in research and cultural planning, as well as the management of it.

Their placement is an innovative placement and special program, begun in January 1996 and ends April. They will participate in another three month placement beginning in September.

Michelle and Jo Anne said they are working on everything and are happy.

The two students are working on the development of the correctional system placement program, however and they are trying to establish a placement more formal.

They are also involved in setting up a possible residence placement through Waterloo's WUSU.



MICHELLE BUSSELL



JO ANNE HOBSON

University of Waterloo and the University of Guelph are offering the same correctional placement program as a post-secondary program.

Because most of a community college spends time at their University to complete their placement programs, 10.

Working with other students, they are looking for funding, placement, as

well as volunteer and placement programs for their placement, said to students at Conestoga through direct placement.

"The program would be really positive because it would be a real community link," Hobson said.

She said for example people in Waterloo might get involved in the program and they would be

given some degree of responsibility and feel it would be "sense of a progression type of program as opposed to institutional."

Hobson and Bussell are involved in another placement, Conestoga's International Exchange students. They are trying to develop a program to include both from East Germany to Thailand to the US, as well as from Guelph to April 1.

For this year, participants studied at UBC for eight months starting last April before going to the University of Guelph.

The Canadian International Development Agency is involved in bringing the two students over to Canada, Hobson said.

In addition to these supervised international students Hobson and Hobson are helping to start a postsecondary

or working with it trying to find information for the best man by telephone.

"There are the big things students can work with a laugh, but the little things are a more serious job and it's the little things that are important for the work we're involved in community development work here or in her native Newfoundland."

Hobson and Hobson are keeping their eyes open. She is interested in other countries as well as working in the public sector elsewhere along with Hobson's placement development options that she may pursue.

"It's been long at time but good and rewarding," Hobson said.

"We're doing something different every day."



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